Setting up of a National Grievance Cell under Health Ministry

4061. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a National Grievances Cell has been set up under his Ministery for redressal of public grievances regarding treatment at Government hospitals as well as private hospitals in the country;

(b) what are the notable features of this system; and

(c) by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP):

(a) to (c) A Grievance Redressal Cell (Health Sector) has been established in the Directorate General of Health Services on 25th March, 1997 to deal with complaints relating to medical treatment.

The complaints received by the Cell are followed-up with the concerned authorities for investigation and appropriate action.

Slashing MBBS Seats in Lady Hardinge Medical College

4062. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India has slashed the MBBS seats of Lady Hardinge Medical College from the year 1997-98;

(b) the number of seats both allowed for this college and also curtailed from the year 1997-98;

(c) what are the reasons for curtailing the seats of this college;

(d) whether the Medical Council has also taken similar decision for other colleges; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) The Executive Committee of the Medical Council of India has taken a decision to reduce the number of seats from 130 to 100 from 1997—98, mainly due to non-filling of certain posts. The Council has also advised creation of specific posts.

(d) and (e) The MCI has reported that it has taken similar action in respect of three other colleges, viz.

(1) J.J. Medical College, Devanagere

(2) N.K.P. Salve Instt. of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, Nagpur.

(3) K.J. Somaiya Medical College & Research Centre, Bombay.

Complaint Regarding Contaminated Amicin Injection Manufactured By Biochem Pharmaceuticals Industries, Mumbai

4063. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a complaint regarding contaminated injection Amicin 500 mg. having fungus like growth, manufactured by M/s Biochem Pharmaceuticals Industries, Mumbai, batch No.B 24495, with manufacturing date 11/95 and expiry date 10/98 was received in the Health Ministry in February, 1996 with a copy to the Director-General of Health Service, Government of India, New Delhi; if so, what action was taken on the same;

(b) whether one such vial was surrendered to the Dy. Drug Controller, Rajasthan at Jaipur on 23rd February, 1996 for analysis; and

(c) action taken by the Central Drug Authorities and Rajasthan Drug Authorities in this connection?